

# John Stokes

Mayor Stokes was elected to the City Council in 2011, and is the council liaison to the Cascade Water Alliance Board, Eastside Transportation Partnership Steering Committee, Sound Cities Public Issues Committee and the city's Planning Commission. He was re-elected in 2015, and the council elected him Mayor for 2016 and 2017.

On the council, John has advocated for affordable housing and livability in Bellevue, as well as construction of an Eastside performing arts center. John serves on King County's Regional Policy Committee and the advisory committee of the King County Flood Control District. He is also chair of the King Conservation District Advisory Committee.

A longtime advocate for education, John is a member of the Bellevue School District's Fiscal Advisory Committee, and was also legislative director and finance officer for the Washington State PTA. As a longtime trustee of the Bellevue Schools Foundation, he chaired its Bridging the Achievement Gap Grant Committee.

Prior to joining the council, John was a member of the Parks and Community Services Board for four years. He also served on the Eastgate/I-90 Citizen Advisory Committee and the Bellevue Parks Yes! Levy Steering Committee.

In addition, John co-founded Eastside Pathways, a collective-impact nonprofit working to ensure that all children have the support they need to maximize their opportunities for productive, fulfilling lives.

John moved to Bellevue in 1991 from Dallas, Texas. A retired attorney, he holds a law degree from George Washington University and a bachelor's degree in political science from Texas Tech University.

He is married to Bettina Stokes, a retired accountant. Their grown daughter Genevieve graduated from Bellevue High School and the University of Washington. John is an avid reader and model railroader, and also enjoys gardening.

## Council Assignments and Appointments

- Cascade Water Alliance Board
- Cascade Water Alliance Resource Management Committee
- Eastside Transportation Partnership Steering Committee
- King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee
- Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Group (alt)
- Puget Sound Regional Council Growth Management Policy Board (alt)
- King County Regional Policy Committee
- Sound Cities Public Issues Committee
- WRIA 8
- Disability Board Liaison
- Planning Commission Liaison
- Leadership Program for Wrap Around Services Program

## **Past Council Assignments and Appointments**

- Jail Administration Elected Assembly
- Sound Transit Eastlink Collaborative Design Leadership
- Environmental Services Commission

## **Community Service**

- Parks and Community Services Board Member, 2008-2011
- Eastgate/I-90 Citizen Advisory Committee Member, 2010-2011
- Bellevue Parks Yes! Levy Steering Committee, 2007
- Bellevue Schools Foundation (BSF) Trustee, 2001-2010
- BSF Bridging the Achievement Gap Grant Committee Chair, 2002-2010
- BSF Grant Making and Resource Development Committees, 2003-Present
- Bellevue School District (BSD) Fiscal Advisory Committee Member, 2010 - Present
- BSD Instructional Materials Committee, 2003 - 2006
- BSD Disciplinary Appeals Committee, 2005 - 2011
- BSD Program Delivery Committee Revision and Oversight Team, 1995-2005
- Bellevue PTSA (BPTSA) Council President, 1999 - 2001
- BPTSA Officer Positions and Council Board Member, 1999-2010
- Woodridge Elementary PTSA President, 1993 - 1994
- Chinook Middle School & Bellevue High School PTSA Offices
- Washington State PTA (WSPTA) Legislative Director, 2001 - 2003
- WSPTA Finance Officer, 2005
- WSPTA Legislative Focus Day Co-Chair, 2009
- WSPTA Region 6 Service Delivery Team, 2002 - 2008
- Eastside Heritage Center Board Member, 2009- Present, Treasurer, 2010 - 2012
- Friends of the Cedar River Watershed Board Member & Treasurer, 2009 - Present
- Eastside Pathways Core Team Member, Board Member, 2011 - Present
- National PTA Legislative and Field Service Committees, 2001 - 2007
- National PTA Trainer, 2003 - 2007

## **Employment**

- Senior Attorney, SSA, Office of Hearings & Appeals, Retired, 1991 - 2008
- Stokes Law Office, Dallas Texas, Solo Law Practice, 1985 - 1991
- Regional Counsel, US Department of Health & Social Services, Dallas, TX
- Associate Attorney, Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton, Washington DC and NYC

## **Education**

- The George Washington University Law School, Juris Doctorate
- Texas Tech University, BA., Political Science